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SUBJECT: GOLF CARTS OR SIMILAR VEHICLES

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1. IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON GOLF CART PRODUCTION IN JAPAN, FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED. MOTORIZED GOLF CARTS ARE MANUFACTURED BY SIX FIRMS IN JAPAN WHICH ARE CLASSIFIED INTO THREE GROUPS.

2. GROUP ONE INCLUDES MITSUBISHI, SANYO, KUBOTA TEKKO AND HITACHI. GOLF CARTS IN THIS CATEGORY ARE DRIVEN BY ELECTRIC MOTORS BUT ARE SMALL AND CANNOT ACCOMMODATE PASSENGERS. THEY ARE FOR USE FOR GOLF EQUIPMENT ONLY.

3. GROUP TWO COMPOSED OF ONE COMPANY, YAMAHA HATSUDOKI. THIS GOLF CART IS DRIVEN BY TWO-CYCLE ENGINE RATHER THAN BY ELECTRIC MOTOR. LENGTH IS 85 INCHS AND WIDTH 42 INCHES.

4. GROUP THREE APPEARS TO MEET SPECIFICATIONS CITED PARA. 2 OF REFTEL. MANUFACTURER IS DAIHATSU MOTOR COMPANY, LTD., 2-7, HONCHO, NIHONBASHI, CHUO-KU, TOKYO 103. DAIHATSU TURNS OUT TWO MODELS: MASTERS SEVEN AND MASTERS IV. DATA ON MASTERS SEVEN AS FOLLOWS: NUMBER OF WHEELS-3. DRIVEN BY UNCLASSIFIED

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ELECTRIC MOTOR WITH TWO 100AH/5HR BATTERIES. WEIGHT-430 POUNDS. LENGTH-76 INCHES. WIDTH-36 INCHES. PRICE-380,000 YEN WHOLESALE PRICE. MONTHLY PRODUCTION-50. CAPACITY-ONE PASSENGER PLUS FOUR GOLF BAGS. DATA ON MASTERS IV AS FOLLOWS: NUMBER OF WHEELS-4. DRIVEN BY ELECTRIC MOTOR WITH THREE 140 AH/5HR BATTERIES. WEIGHT-880 POUNDS. LENGTH-102 INCHES. WIDTH-45 INCHES. PRICE 684,000 YEN WHOLESALE PRICE.

MONTHLY PRODUCTION-50. TOTAL OF 1,200 PRODUCED SINCE 1971,
FIRST YEAR OF PRODUCTION. CAPACITY-TWO PASSENGERS PLUS FOUR
GOLF BAGS.

5. TECHNICAL LITERATURE ON YAMAHA AND DAIHATSU MODELS BEING
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